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**TO-DAY'S CABLES.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
**CHINA SOUND STEAMER CAPTIVES.**  
ALL SAVED.  
New York, Aug. 5.  
The British steamer *Cian Gordon* from New York for China, has captured. All aboard were rescued by the steamer *Abangarey*.

**CRICKET.**  
LONDON, Aug. 5.  
Silver is quoted 55 1/2-55 3/4. There are only small supplies.  
SURREY v. AUSTRALIANS was a draw. Surrey beat Yorkshire by five wickets.

**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
**HUNGARIANS HAVE LABOUR CABINET.**  
COPENHAGEN, August 1st.  
A telegram from Budapest states that a Socialist Government has been formed under M. Beldi, who declares that his chief task will be to preserve internal order and enter into negotiations with the Entente.  
LATER.  
The new Government consists of representatives of Trade Unions.  
M. Bela Kun and his revolutionary governing council have resigned.

**PROPAGANDA AND COUNTER-PROPAGANDA.**  
ARCHANGEL, July 30th.  
Yesterday's trouble, among two Russian regiments, emphasised the almost insuperable difficulty of effectively combatting the propaganda of the Bolsheviks, whose agents are everywhere working among the illiterate Russians, although they are completely unsuccessful in the districts which experienced the terrors of Bolshevik rule. Thousands of the Russian Northern Army, inexperienced, therefore believe the wonderful cries of the agitators, who dribble across the lines in the guise of deserters desirous of fighting the Bolsheviks.  
It is quite impossible to distinguish the genuine from the false.  
The Russian and British authorities are straining every nerve to counter-attack the propaganda by dropping anti-Bolshevik leaflets and despatching agents by aeroplane behind the Bolshevik lines.  
General Ironside's Headquarters have been moved to Archangel from Betsanik.

**THE ARMY ON THE RHINE.**  
PARIS, August 2nd.  
The Supreme Council has decided that a French Commander will be Commander-in-Chief of all the Allied troops on the Rhine.  
The question of the distribution of the captured war material among the Allies has been referred to the military experts. It has been finally decided that no Government will be allowed to sell such material.  
To-day's meeting of the Council considered the difficult question of the repatriation of 300,000 Russian war-prisoners still in Germany. It is not desired to retain men in captivity longer than necessary, but the Allies are unwilling to surrender them as recruits for the Bolshevik Army.  
The Supreme Council discussed, to-day, the request of the Jugo-Slav Government for the occupation of the Prekmurak wheat region, between Hungary and Jugo-Slavia, on racial grounds.  
It is expected that the question of Thrace will be speedily settled.

**POLICE STRIKE.**  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
The police situation is stationary. There was no further spread of the strike in the provinces.  
Some half-headed demonstrations took place outside London police-stations, but these were easily scattered. Picketing is practically non-existent as the picketers have been warned that they are liable to immediate arrest.  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
It is officially stated that altogether 994 policemen have struck out of 22,000 in London. 706 out of 2,200 in Liverpool, 60 out of 400 in Bootle, and 88 out of 1,450 in Birmingham.  
The strikers' places are being filled by new recruits.

**UNG HOURS, POOR PAY.**  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
The Railway Clerks' Association, particularly in the North of England, threaten to cease work as a protest against the delay in the consideration of their demands for better all-round conditions as regards pay, hours and holidays.

**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
**OUR EMPIRE'S O.K.**  
OPTIMISTIC SPEECH BY LORD MILNER.  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
Lord Milner, speaking at Oxford, referring to the British Commonwealth, said he did not share the fear that the independent positions of the dominions, and India in relation to the League of Nations, would tend to disruption.  
If the Commonwealth went to pieces, the strongest pillar of the League would be shattered. We must always settle our domestic differences among ourselves. The Commonwealth had more to lose than any other State by another Armageddon, and nothing to gain.  
To have the full support of the Empire our foreign policy must be broad, simple, and straight-forward.

**WATCH ESTHONIA.**  
COPENHAGEN, August 2nd.  
The Estonian Press Bureau states that the Soviet of Russia has declared that it is resolved to cease war against Estonia, as it is not out for conquests. The Red Army has been ordered to respect the frontier.  
The Estonians, however, cognisant of the Soviet's aggressive vacillations, recognise that peace can be concluded only in accord with the Allies.

**WHAT FOR?**  
WASHINGTON, August 2nd.  
Mr. Josephus Daniels has announced that the Government has placed an order for a 45,000 ton battleship.

**POLES RATIFY.**  
PARIS, August 2nd.  
The Polish Parliament has ratified the Treaty of Peace with Germany, also the Treaty guaranteeing the rights of minorities in Poland, by 295 votes to 41.

**INTERDEPENDENCE.**  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
Presiding at a Government banquet, in honour of the delegates to the Allied Economic Council meeting in London, Lord Rober, Cecil, while deprecating undue pessimism, feared that the economic position was incalculably serious. The closest consultation of the nations was necessary to solve the difficulties. The interdependence of nations was one of the products of civilisation.

**INDIAN TROOPS IN LONDON.**  
LONDON, August 2nd.  
Much interest was centred in to-day's march past by the Indian troops, who were unable to participate in the recent Victory Pageant.  
They arrived in special trains from Hampton Court, and headed by the combined bands of the Guards Brigades, presented a striking and picturesque appearance as they marched from Waterloo to Buckingham Palace grounds, where they were received by the King.  
There were also present the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Sir Douglas Haig and other notable persons.  
The King addressed the troops, thanking them for their devotion to the Throne and the Empire, for their war services, and for their cheerful bearing of sufferings and sacrifices.

**LABOUR IN U.S.A.**  
CHICAGO, August 2nd.  
The railway shopmen have decided in favour of an immediate strike. Numbers in the Chicago district and the South Eastern States have struck, but the latest information is that the result of the movement has disappointed the leaders, who ignored the instructions of the Labourists of Washington against the strike.  
WASHINGTON, August 2nd.  
Owing to the Labour situation, the House of Representatives has deferred its recess.

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**CHINESE TELEGRAMS.**  
(Translated for The China Mail from the Wah Tai Yee Po.)  
SHANGHAI, Aug. 5.  
Kan Wan Pang, the Army Minister, has resigned.  
Ko U Him is appointed Minister to Japan, and Ngan Wai Hing Minister to Germany.  
Money is tight in Hunan, and Chang King Yu has wired to the Government for rice money.  
The Minister of Communications is considering an Air Mail system.

**FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.**  
**THE TWO PARLIAMENTS.**  
SHANGHAI, August 5.  
Li Yut-hoi had an audience with Kung Sun-jun, the Ailing Premier, and discussed the question of combining the old and new Parliaments.  
Li said that, according to the constitutional law, the old Parliament which is now in Canton should be protected, for the old Parliament will not consent to the combining of the two Parliaments.  
The blame will fall on the Peking Government if the peace negotiations are broken off.  
Kung said that the On Fook Club opposed the scheme, so that nothing could be done.

**NEW FOREIGN MINISTERS.**  
The Government has decided to appoint Ko Eih-m. Chinese Minister to Japan, and Ngan Wai-hing, Minister to Germany.

**KIRIN AFFAIRS.**  
Muan Yun-yuen, the Military Governor of Kirin, has telegraphed to the Peking Government that he has arrived at Chang-chun to exercise his power over all the troops.  
No Sze-pun has returned to Chang-chun from Lin-chun, and is ready to hand over the command of the troops to his successor, when one is appointed.  
Muan Yun-yuen also says that he is awaiting the arrival of Pau Kwai-hing, who has been appointed his successor, to hand over his seal.

**ORIGIN OF DEPTH BOMBS.**  
New York, June 18.—Rear Admiral William B. Sims, who will become head of the War college at Newport, in an interview, told for the first time how the now famous depth bomb, popularly known in the navy as the "ash can," came to be invented. Much has been published about this efficient engine of destruction which accounted for so many of the German undersea craft but this story told Admiral Sims by Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, formerly chief of the Grand Fleet of Britain, is the first account of the origin of the depth bomb idea.  
"The bomb is of such simple construction and fills such an obvious need," said Admiral Sims, "that if it had not been invented at the period it was it must surely have come to light within a few months of that time."  
It was first thought of at the Admiralty, according to Lord Jellicoe, when Admiral Madden, second in command of the British fleet, called for some such device after an encounter that a cruiser he was about to have with a submarine. The German row suddenly close to the cruiser and launched a torpedo at her from short range. This, fortunately, missed, and the cruiser was swung about and rushed toward the enemy at full speed in an endeavour to ram it. However, the German commander got his craft under water in time to save her, but as the British ship went over him the officers leaning over the side could distinctly make out his outlines at some distance below the surface.  
"Chagrined by the escape, one of Admiral Madden's officers remarked that they would have gotten their prey if they had had a mine to drop over the side as they passed above her."  
"Why can't we have something of that sort?" replied the admiral, and immediately forwarded the suggestion to the Admiralty offices asking that experts be put at work on the task of preparing specifications.  
"Out of this episode," concluded Admiral Sims, "was developed the 'ash can' loaded with TNT, with the aid of which a few destroyers were enabled to protect great convoys and to terrorise the German undersea force. The depth bomb and the destroyer became the chief naval factors of the struggle."

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## JOSEPH ADDISON.

Joseph Addison died 200 years ago, and "littery" men who have neglected to read him hitherto are all "dipping" and pretending they have done nothing else all their lives. We said men. That was a pen slip. We should have said journalists. We cannot resist the thought that had these journalists really made a regular habit of reading Addison, a recognizable result must have made itself apparent in the literary quality of their work. Not even the homage they pay to haste can explain the total absence of any such visible effect.

This is not to say that we consider Addison's literary style incomparably excellent, nor that we read him when we can lay our hands on something more congenial. In his parables or allegories—like that famous one picturing human life as a procession over a defective bridge, commended to young students by elderly pedants—we find him awkward and unpleasant. This may be an error of taste. To each his appetite. Nor do we find in the essays, with all their dignified and fluent diction, that wealth of ideology, that originality of thought, that novelty of point of view, which we find in Montaigne or Carlyle or Lamb. The American Emerson may (though we are not prepared to submit our reasons for this supposition) have played the "sedulous ape" to Addison. It is certain that Elia did not, and we refuse to sleep with the man who would prefer Emerson to Elia.

There is, in spite of the dignity of his punctilious periods, a certain sprightliness and human touch about Addison that takes us back to him every now and then, on rainy Sundays, when there is no Bridge; or in some Philistine friend's library, when we cannot find anything but Walter Scott or the Works of Hall Corelli or Marie Corelli. You know the sort of thing, where "Daniel Deronda" much thumbed. "Jean Valjean" was on Miller's "Old Red Sandstone," very clean, and only half of it cut. Where Addison scores, and where he might have scored much more, like Thackeray, with a satire less heavy, is in his delicate and human foibles and his occasional

successes in character drawing. That we simply cannot share Quiller Couch's enthusiasm for Addison is a source of some uneasiness to us, because we have studied that Cambridge Professor's lectures on English composition and found them wholly to our liking, both in sense and style. Then a thought thrusts itself forward that stiffens our independence. It is this. In recommending a model to the young writer commencing, were we restricted to a choice of two, Addison or Couch, we should have no hesitation in naming Quiller Couch. In such studies there are no gains where there is no pleasure taken, and whereas Addison would nowadays seem a mere task to the ardent disciple of letters, Couch is ever a source of joy to all discoverers. It was Addison, was it not, who gave Milton his first real boom? That's one against Addison, for though we shock unforgivably every conventional critic in the land, we intend to assert boldly that except for colour, some shreds and patches here and there, Milton was no true poet. In the same way Dr. Johnson boomed Addison, and we told Hongkong what we thought of Johnson fifteen years ago. They tell us that there was as much excuse for Addison's ignorance of philosophy as for Johnson's ignorance of science. That may be just. We are not worrying about the amount of propitiation, since both are long past caring; our concern is the reader in 1920, and how they should affect him. The modern physician who should insist on loyal adherence to the notions of Galen or of Paracelsus Bombastes Whatsaname would be the occasion of a fine scandal. Why should we maintain any more reverence for the works of obsolete literary genius? Addison's treatment of the Pleasures of the Imagination may have been well enough two centuries ago; the editors of the *Manchester Guardian* or the *Athenaeum* would return it to-day with the usual printed slip. Just copy it out in fair typewriting, submit it, and see. We will wager an obolus, or a bottle of beer at it please you better, that the editor of the *Nineteenth Century* would return it, as unsuitable, always providing that the name on the back of the first sheet of your copy is not a titled one. Pope, a younger writer with a larger vogue than Addison, quarrelled with him, apparently owing to *jalousie de métier*, and wrote some very bitter verses at him. Here, indeed, we may love Addison, who met the attack by further friendly appreciation of the work of the younger man. The work deserved the praise, but the bad temper of the worker had hardly earned such tolerance and equanimity. Steele, by the way, who was associated with Addison in journalism, and whose name is frequently coupled with his, seems to have been just an ordinary chump.

## "THEY SHALL NOT PASS."

The headline in this morning's paper, "Abolition of the Pass Office," gave us a gleam of illusive happiness. We thought that some of the seed the *China Mail* has been scattering had germinated. Perhaps it has, for this headline was over a letter by "A Citizen" who agrees with some of our views. He wrote: "Sir,—Most of the war restrictions have now been withdrawn, and it is difficult to see the necessity for retaining the Pass Office. I believe we have no longer any fear of enemies or spies in our midst, even if there be any they can serve no purpose as the war is over. Let us hope therefore that the present irritating restrictions on our movements will be withdrawn without further delay.—Yours, etc."

The arguments against the retention of the Pass Office are easily remembered. They are:

- (1) Its stupid waste of public money when the need for it has gone.
- (2) Its stupid waste of good policemen when the need for them is great.

## THE "TAMING" MUTINY.

Seafaring men did not approve the sentence of six months which Mr. Orme passed on the mutinous Chinese stoker who wanted (they infer) to throw the third engineer into the flaming fiery furnace. We have no doubt that Mr. Orme was right in ruling that the law cannot infer the men's intentions; that they must be proved. Yet what else does it do when it punishes a man for trespass on private premises "with intent to commit a felony"?

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 7 15/16d.

The C.N.s.s. "Taming" cleared for Manila to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The Indo-China s.s. "Fausang" cleared for Yokohama to-day with 2,800 tons of rice.

Mrs. H. S. Morley and Miss E. A. McNeilan were passengers arrived by the "Iyo Maru" to-day.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak presented a lovely silver bowl to the Hongkong University Union for their sports.

The Chinese Government s.s. "Hwah Wu" arrived from Calcutta yesterday with 406 tons of cargo and 29 bags of mail for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Iyo Maru" from London arrived this morning. Her cargo is 6,011 tons for onward ports and 743 for Hongkong. The "Iyo Maru" brought 54 bags of mail.

The s.s. "St. Albans" (Capt. Plicher) arrived from Melbourne early this morning with 1,100 tons of cargo for here and 1,200 for elsewhere. Two Chinese died of senile decay during the voyage. The "St. Albans" brought an Australian mail.

Good work has been put in this summer upon the Chefoo Breakwater. There is unfortunately little or no likelihood of the whole work being completed by the end of the year as was anticipated at the commencement of the spring.

The week's return of communicable disease showed two cases of plague (one British, fatal) one of cholera, one of diphtheria, five of enteric, and five of c.s. fever. Since there were one case of plague, two of cholera, one of purpural fever, and one of c.s. fever.

A case was heard in Butterworth Police Court, in which five Malays were charged with assault on a Kachi who was alleged to have arrived late to perform the nuptials at a wedding at Bagan Lebei Tahir. The accused were discharged. It was stated that the bride and bridegroom proceeded to another Kachi.

There seems to be difficulty in getting the kind of stone that is essential for the durability of the work. But the three seasons are in position. Quite a good stretch of the actual Breakwater is finished and it is quite a rendezvous for small row boats. Bathers too, are fond of diving off it.

The Victoria Theatre management inform us that owing to the insistent demands of many of their patrons they have been obliged to postpone the screening of "The Vicar of Wakefield" till to-morrow afternoon, instead of to-day. This afternoon, by special request, "The Prize Packets" are giving a matinee performance at the Victoria, and to-night they make their final bow in a very lengthy, new and well-selected bill which for variety and excellence will surprise many. The "Prize Packets" are going to Shanghai on Thursday and are not likely to return to Hongkong for a very long time. On Monday over two hundred persons failed to secure seats at the Victoria. It is likely that to-night the same thing may be witnessed.

## RICE COMING FROM CANTON.

## TEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

As a result of arrangements made between Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Chan Lim Pak of Canton ten thousand piculs of Wuhu rice are to come from Canton for Hongkong use. The Military Governor of Canton has granted permission for this exportation.

## DEALING WITH IT.

Last night a meeting was held at the Tung Wah Hospital to discuss the receipt and the disposal of this handsome contribution to our shortage. The meeting was attended by the Directors of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals and Messrs. S. W. Tso, Fung Ping Shan, and many others.

Mr. Ho Sai Kwong presided. In opening the meeting Mr. Ho asked those present to elect representatives to go to Canton in this connection. The well chosen gentlemen Messrs. Li Yau Tsun and Lee Ka Po will proceed to Canton to-night. Mr. Ho then proposed subscriptions to meet the cost of this relief measure. He announced that Sir Robert Ho Tung wished to subscribe \$10,000—his absence at the meeting was caused by toothache. Mr. Ho also announced that he and Messrs. Tsi Ka Po, Lam Hon Ping, Tsang Yiu Ting, Lu Sui Cheuk wished to subscribe \$1,000 each. Lui Po Sang, Yiu Sau Kwan, Li Ying Chi \$500 each and afterward Mr. Fung Ping San subscribed \$1,500. Mr. Li Yau Chuen \$1,000 and Messrs. Liang Pat Yu, Chan King Wan \$500 each.

The meeting finally decided to hold another union meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday next.

## SUBSCRIBERS.

The list now stands:

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Mr. Fung Ping San	1,500
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Li Yau Chuen	1,000
Lui Po Sang	500
Yiu Sau Kwan	500
Li Ying Chi	500
Liang Pat Yu	500
Chan King Wan	500

## CONCERT AND PRESENTATIONS.

## IN THE NAVAL DOCKYARD.

A convivial concert was held in the Dockyard Recreation Club last night, when the Club room was packed with members and friends, a fair number of the fair sex being present. Mr. J. Deane presided.

The concert was arranged as an adjunct to the presentations to four members leaving for Home at an early date, viz: Messrs. Rewell, Elliott, Hill and Tucker.

During intervals the presentations were made. Mr. Rewell was presented with a mangle clock and a silver epergne, Lieut. Coghlan, R.N., making the presentation. Mr. Elliott a gold watch, and Mr. Hill a silver tea set, these being handed over to the recipients with appropriate remarks by their chief, Mr. G. L. Platt, Naval Store Officer. Mr. Tucker received a handsome large silver vase at the hands of Mr. Fred Brown whose speech was warmly applauded. Mr. Tucker in reply was overwhelmed by the occasion, he said it touched him deeply to leave the Dockyard but both himself and Mrs. Tucker would always highly appreciate the handsome present, and it only remained for the latter to keep it highly polished.

The concert went with a swing. Mrs. Alderman and Miss Brock being the accompanists. Among those who contributed to the programme were the following: Messrs. E. T. Crocker, F. W. Wright, A. B. Allan, F. Tucker, A. J. J. Brock, and W. Langford. Mr. A. B. Allan besides putting the company in good humour with his comic songs, gave a highly interesting exhibition of card tricks, his manipulation of these evoking applause all round.

Messrs. A. J. J. Brock, E. T. Crocker and W. Langford contributed capital sentimental items. Mr. F. W. Wright also highly amused the company with his contribution.

Mr. Bentley made practically all the arrangements for the concert, and his successful efforts were duly appreciated.

## OUR POLICY IN RUSSIA.

## NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF INVESTORS—NOT ARF.

This is from the *Financial News* of London, as quoted by Upton Sinclair:

"In this city it is realized that events are shaping more and more towards an international anarchy over Russia, modelled on the British surveillance of Egypt. Such an event would transform Russian bonds into the cream of the international market."

## SALE OF LOCAL STEAMER.

## "NAM KAM" SOLD FOR \$135,000.

At Messrs. Lammert's auction rooms this morning, the s.s. "Nam Kam" was submitted for sale by public auction.

The "Nam Kam" is reported to have a speed of nine knots. Her length is 194ft. 7ins., breadth 27ft. 3ins., and 19ft. Her capacity by measurement is 1,500 tons, and deadweight, including bunkers, 1,100 tons. She has two cylinders engine of 27ins. and 50ins., with stroke 30ins., and horse-power 105.

When Mr. G. P. Lammert opened the auction there were a number of Chinese and one Japanese present. Mr. Lammert announced that the ship was under charter which could be terminated by two months notice. Bidding started at \$150,000 and no bids of less than \$1,000 were accepted. The bidding went up to \$173,000 then there was a jump to \$180,000. Bids of \$1,000 brought it up to \$185,000 when the ship was knocked down to Mr. Chan Hui who was acting for a syndicate.

The "Nam Kam" is a Chinese registered ship and was formerly an American mail steamer, the "American."

## AN OPIUM FIND.

On July 21, Sergeant Cockle acting on information received boarded a sampan where he was told by an old woman that she had opium on board, in a box. Prising the lid open he found her statement to be true. Another sampan lying alongside immediately sheered off. His suspicions aroused, he ordered a Chinese detective to give chase. The other boat was subsequently overhauled and a large quantity of opium was brought to light. Two female occupants were charged at the Magistracy to-day with illicit possession of opium valued at \$5,000. The defendant said that two men had boarded their boat and left parcels which they said contained rice.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz appearing for the defence asked for leniency in case of conviction.

Mr. Lindsell disbelieved the defendants' story as unconvincing and fined them \$5,000 and \$3,000 each.

## AMMUNITION FOR SELF-PROTECTION.

The Chinese were produced at the Magistracy this morning on a charge of unlawfully possessing three Winchester rifles and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Mr. M. K. Lo appearing for the defendants said they were brothers, the eldest of whom had agreed to plead guilty to unlawful possession. If the Police were willing he would ask the Magistrate to deal with the accused leniently.

The men had come down from Vancouver and were on their way to the country. No doubt they knew that they would not be allowed to land ammunition in Hongkong and therefore concealed the stuff. There was no illegal motive, as they wanted the arms in the country for self-protection.

Inspector Cashman said he regarded the men as passenger smugglers. The eldest brother was fined \$500 whilst the other two were discharged.

## WEIGHT AND MEASURE PROFITEERING.

Selling fish according to a false scale landed a Chinese hawkler before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, on a charge of having false weights and measures. The scale was 18 1/2 per cent. less than the proper measure. In imposing a fine of \$75 on defendant Mr. Lindsell remarked that he was a cheat.

Another man charged with a similar offence was said by the Magistrate to be a profiteer. His weight was four per cent. less than the ordinary and the fine was \$15.

Several other cases of a similar nature were heard, the defendants being fined at an average of about \$20.

## MORE POLICE.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here on the s.s. "Antilochus" to-day are the following members of the H.K. Police who have been on active service. Sergt. E. Bloor, who has been for sometime a prisoner of war in Germany, and Messrs. M. Murphy, J. McEllan, E. J. Ellis, S. Logan, J. S. Dick, C. J. Kelly, W. Y. Henderson, H. Phillips, C. M. Dornington and four recruits.

We can do with them. There will be work for all, even after we have abolished the Pass Office.

## STREET TALK.

First Burglar: What thing?  
Second Burglar: Have catches one piece brass bedstead. Can sellum all same your six typewriters.  
First Burglar: Police can look see too much.  
Second Burglar: No can. Have got Pass Office side.

## THE RICE QUESTION.

## TWO MORE VIEWS.

There appears no limit to the criticism of the Government over the way they are dealing with the rice question.

Here are two interviews, with only parts of which we are in agreement. A prominent business man whose authority to speak is unquestioned, told a *China Mail* reporter this morning that local merchants were dissatisfied at the Government's method of taking over rice stocks. He said that none would have grumbled, in fact all would have been pleased, had the Government called upon all rice dealers to hand over a percentage of their stocks. This would have been fair to all instead of confiscating the whole stock of any one firm, thus upsetting completely their trading arrangements.

He added that it was a mistake to appoint Mr. Hutchison and that the services of the Hongkong Importers and Exporters Associations which has a rice committee, would have been at the Government's service had they been asked.

There is plenty of rice in the Colony, as much as ever there was, yet firms with huge stocks have never been asked to give up a single bag of rice. There is no need to prohibit exports of rice under the circumstances, and the limited quantities that were stopped from being exported to South Africa, Buenos Aires, America, etc., are infinitesimal compared to the issue. Japan import largely and they should be restricted but not prohibited while the local stocks are so large.

Our reporter made enquiries from a prominent firm which deals in rice among numerous other lines, and asked for an opinion. We were told that it is the general view that Mr. Hutchison delivered the Government into the hands of the Philistines when he took the rice dealers into his confidence and exposed his cards. Up went the prices, the theory being that the Government being prospective buyers are fair game.

Our informant said he would like to see exports a little more rigidly restricted at least until the issue is more clear. This gentleman agreed that the principle of denuding a firm of its entire stock while taking none from others was a real hardship from the business man's point of view. Such action precluded the fulfilment of contracts and might easily divert business which was gained at considerable trouble and expense into other hands permanently.

## EUROPEAN ENGINEER CHARGED.

## CONVICTED ON AMENDED CHARGE.

R. P. Cameron, second engineer of the s.s. "Kin Shan" was produced before Captain Basil Tylor, R.N., this morning on remand, on an information for deserting the ship on July 23.

On a previous hearing defendant pleading guilty said he had come ashore to get his letters from the Sailor's Home. In the Home, he found two letters from his wife in Glasgow and one from Bailey and Co. The last was ten days overdue, and he immediately called at Bailey's where he was offered a sound job. He thought it was not necessary to have a second engineer in a river boat. He could get no one to replace him, and did not give due notice.

Hearing was then adjourned for defendant to produce witnesses, to testify to his character.

Mr. R. F. Mattingley appearing for defendant to-day informed the Marine Magistrate that he could not get Mr. Bailey to come up as the latter was out of the Colony at present. He did not want to call Mr. Ramsey of the same firm as the latter knew defendant only for a short time.

Capt. Tylor said what he wanted to get at was whether Bailey and Company had persuaded defendant to leave the ship.

Mr. Mattingley said the position was that defendant had got the letter from Messrs. Bailey and Company offering him employment but unfortunately the letter was delayed. Otherwise things would have been different. His client now realizes the extreme seriousness of what he did. He did not think there was any persuasion on the part of Bailey and Company.

Mr. J. L. Walsh, an unemployed shipmaster testified to defendant's good character and said he had known the accused for some time professionally.

Captain Tylor said he did not want to send the defendant to prison and if Mr. Smith (the Captain of the "Kin Shan") had no objections he would amend the charge to one of "Absence without leave." Mr. Smith had no objections and the charge was accordingly amended. On an application from Mr. Mattingley for leniency defendant was ordered by the court to forfeit eight days' pay.

## AMOK VICTIM DIES.

In yesterday's issue of the *China Mail* a Chinese was reported to have run amok in Kowloon stabbing the first three men he met. Since then we learned that one of the men has died from the wounds received.

## REMOVAL OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM RUSSIA.

## "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" AND "MONTEAGLE" COMMANDEERED.

The *China Mail* learns that in realisation of the scheme to remove the British Forces from Russia, as cabled by Reuters, that the Government has taken the "Empress of Japan" and the "Monteagle" for the work of repatriating the British Forces in Siberia.

The R.M.S. "Monteagle" is the first to be taken. She will leave here on August 12 or thereabouts for Vladivostok where she will fill up with troops for Home for passage to Vancouver.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" will leave about August 20 for Vladivostok for a similar purpose.

The Admiralty have arranged to leave a number of first class berths at the disposal of the C.P.O.S. for private passengers.

## A NOO KING.

"The King of Patagonia" will be the opening comedy of the Banvard American Musical Comedy Co. which commences a short season at the Theatre Royal, Thurs. Aug. 7. The Banvards have been here before so will need no introduction to the Hongkong theatre-goer and are returning to Hongkong with a series of new musical comedy successes.

"The King of Patagonia" is one of those screaming absurdities, that is sure to catch the public favour in its first minutes of playing, there is a careless story running through the comedy which is interrupted time after time by the latest song hits and clever dancing specialties. Willis G. West, who has already established himself a foothold favourite here will be seen in his unimitable character of "Abie" and as he is cast as the King of Patagonia, he has plenty of chance to keep his audience in uproars. Wm. Horley will be seen as the Irish Colonel and Pearl Jardiner as the much married widow, Hazel Boyd and Myrtle Dingwall have excellent parts, while Bobby Ryles and Roy Haig also have a splendid chance to acquire themselves favourably. The Banvard Girls will be seen in new costumes and specialties and Ryliss Barnes will present another one of her clever classic dances. "The King of Patagonia" will be played on Thurs. and Friday nights, and will be followed by another instantaneous hit, entitled "Step Lively." There will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

## SOLDIERS' COMPLAINT AT DOVER.

## REFUSE TO EMBARK.

The General Officer Commanding at Dover, after communication with the War Office, addressed the troops who refused to embark on Thursday, June 12, before their complaints had been heard.

It is stated that the men due for demobilisation will be returned, and category men will be retained for home duty. There are about 60 of the Black Watch who have been prisoners of war, and these, it is expected, will have to go back.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by the Hon. Capt. Supt. of Police.

## RIFLES ETC.

All pullthroughs and oilbottles must be returned to the Armoury on Friday next, the 8th inst, between the hours of 5.30 and 7 p.m. Those who have not yet returned their rifles must do so at the same time.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Capt. Supt. of Police.

Shanghai merchants are greatly surprised by the sudden notice issued by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce announcing that the meeting called for July 26 is indefinitely postponed. The reason given is that 150 members of the Chamber have asked to have the meeting put off as some confusion has been caused by the behaviour of certain members. The postponement of the meeting is certainly a disappointment to many local merchants, who are anxious to see the chamber reorganised in such a manner as to bring real assistance to Chinese trade and commerce.

PHYSICIANS prescribe Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pain quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years, and no home is complete without it. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.



## WHO WAS THE JONAH?

SEAFARING SUPERSTITION,  
LINGERS.

They that go down to the sea in ships see wonders, and the wonders they see are less miraculous than the wonders they persist in believing. To tell an old seafarer that there is nothing in the Jonah notion is to invite his contempt of your understanding.

The China Mail has told the story of the steamer "Phoenicia," and her adventures in the recent typhoon. To hear Captain R. M. de la Sala describe that typhoon is to get the suspicion that even Joseph Conrad might have used more words than he did, and still have overlooked some.

"I have heard the wind scream. I've heard it whistle, and shriek and howl, but in all my experience I never heard it roar like that before," he said. We ran across him yesterday, but, hurly, bright as ever.

"Hello! Captain, for a man reported to be down with nervous prostration, you're looking pretty fit."

"He laughed. "Me prestrate with nerves? I never had it in my life," he said. "I don't know how the newspaper men got that. Maybe because I went off in a hurry to see my wife. I could do with a lot more sleep yet, but that's my only trouble. Another thing they got wrong was that about the life belts. Mind you, the China Mail story was fine. It was well told. But I never believed my crew to do the life belts. That would have scared the passengers. Some of 'em did set a bad example, but my Nippon men behaved very well."

"Have you got compensation for your personal losses? We hear that your cabin gear, typewriter, gramophone, clothes, etc., were wrecked."

"Aye, and my chief officer's too. No, we haven't got anything yet, but we're sure to get it. I am sure. The ship has been insured, the insurance people would probably have been glad enough to compensate us. It was tough and got that trip, with the old "Phoenicia." I am anxious now about the "Humbly," which left Saigon the day after we did. If she ran into that typhoon, I fear she'd have a bad time of it."

"By the way, the gap on the ship we must have a Jonah on board. In two and a half years I had no accident, and then a regular procession of trouble started."

"Nonsense, Captain. You don't seriously mean that."

"Maybe I do and maybe I don't. But what if you make of this? When we left last voyage, we had to return two hours after with the starboard boiler leaking."

"But starboard boilers have been known to leak before yours did."

"It isn't only that. On making our second start the telegraph carried away."

"Ah."

"And at Saigon the engine room meteorologist was drowned accidentally."

"Yes, but..."

"Stand by. When we were leaving, a passenger lying on the hatch had an awning stretcher drop on his head, and he died."

"All these incidents are liable to happen on any trip, aren't they?"

"I hope not. But I'm not done yet. The next thing was the boiler tubes leaking so badly that we thought she had sprung something in the gale. Then the steam steering gear went wrong, and we couldn't see anything amiss with it. We stopped the hand gear, and that went."

"We tried the steam gear again, hoping to find out what was wrong with it, and it had come right by itself. Wasn't that queer? We drifted 60 miles out of our position, and passed right through the vortex of the typhoon without knowing it. I never saw a typhoon like it. The next was a box bearing that developed below. Then when we were getting into Kowloon, another queer thing happened. She refused her helm and paid off. Finally, when that stopped, she took charge and tried to knock Kowloon off the map."

"On the ship they are not asking if there is a Jonah aboard. They are speculating as to who is the Jonah."

"Well, don't fling him overboard if you find him, Captain. Whales are rarer than they used to be. Even if he came to Hongkong in the hold of a whale, the Pass Office would probably have it up against him."

"In his report on the F.M.S. Police for 1918, Mr. W. L. Conlay, the commissioner, says: Many officers are long overdue for leave to Europe and the question of working off arrears is causing me considerable anxiety. The departmental and local anxieties consequent on the situations arising from the waging of the world war have been greatly allayed by the cheerful manner in which all ranks of the department have shouldered heavier duties; no effort will be spared to permit the grant of leave to officers with as little delay as possible."

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

CHOLERA DISCUSSED.

A meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. Gibson presided and there were present Mrs. A. D. Hickling, O.B.E. (M.O.H.), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Ambrose, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. Crisp, R.A.M.C., Dr. P. M. Tracy O'Connell, Dr. W. M. Koch, Mr. Chan Kai Ming and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Secretary).

Mrs. Hickling speaking on the subject of the outbreak of cholera in Hongkong, said: A fortnight ago I reported two cases of cholera among Filipinos and one case among the Chinese. Since then, several cases of enteric fever have been notified but of these only four have been confirmed as cholera—one from Kowloon, one from fixed abode, one on a ship in the harbour and one from Hongkong. All these were Chinese cases. The Filipinos were kept under observation at Kennedy Town and have since left the island. None of them was found to be a carrier of cholera.

Dr. Koch: Have any steps been taken to detect the possible source of origin? It seems to me that more notification does not meet the matter.

Chairman: So far as we know, we are able to trace the history of the disease in connection with the Filipinos, but the other cases occurred at different places and there did not seem to be any connection between them.

Dr. Koch: That would indicate that the source of origin is likely to be widespread.

Chairman: That is negatived by the small number of cases.

Mrs. Hickling stated that enquiries had been made and it was discovered that people obtained their water from the taps and their fruit from the vicinity of the places where cholera cases had occurred.

Dr. Koch: It would be a good plan to make arrangements to have the water-supply examined bacteriologically.

Mrs. Hickling replied that that had been done.

The Chairman remarked that cholera was due to the water-supply.

Dr. Koch: I certainly do not think it is.

Dr. O'Connell: How many cases of cholera were there on board the "Siberia Maru"?

The Chairman replied that there was no confirmed case, but it was not confirmed. As was reported as cholera was sent for bacteriological examination.

Dr. Koch wished to know something about the British boy who died of plague.

Mrs. Hickling stated that the boy was the adopted child of a woman in South Africa, who was married to a Chinese and came to Hongkong from Swatow on her way to South Africa. The woman and the boy were staying at the Great Eastern Hotel, having been in the Colony for 28 days before the child died.

FACTORY REGULATIONS.

A letter from the Government relative to the proposed by-law governing over-crowding in workshops and factories was laid on the table. The Chairman explained that it was to the effect that members of the Chinese community were being consulted, with reference to the Board's recommendations, and that therefore the Government were not prepared to accept the recommendations at present.

This was all the business of interest.

## JUST BANVARD'S.

Hongkong will again be visited by one of the most popular theatrical organizations that has ever played to a Hongkong audience, the Banvard American Musical Comedy Co., who will open a short season of merry-making at the Theatre Royal on Thursday eve, August 6, will probably play in Hongkong eight days and matinees will be given on Wednesday only.

Three new delightful musical comedy successes will be offered in their coming engagement and will include the speedy, mile-a-minute musical comedy, "Step Lively," the laughing musical mix-up, "The Tourists," with a head-line vaudeville, and the laugh-producing, melodious absurdity, "The King of Patagonia." All new scenic effects will be used and an entire new array of classic costumes will be shown to an advantage by the pretty Banvard Girls.

Bookings are on at Monticels and it would be a wise plan to book your seats early as the packed houses that greeted the Banvards on their last Hongkong season will surely be repeated.

## ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TWO SUMMERS.—We will deal faithfully with the Peak Tram Squeeze to-morrow. No time to day.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PASS OFFICE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the controversy with regard to the "Pass Office" and I think that it is nearly time that something was done to abolish this vexatious restriction on the liberty of our movements, for instance, it is extremely annoying to be asked on Saturday night, to join a party going to Canton or Macao, accept the invitation and then find that you have to cancel it owing to the fact that you had forgotten to get a pass the day before. I quite understand that this institution was an absolute necessity during the war, but is it now? If it is, then why not issue permanent passes to bona-fide residents who could have their photo, etc., attached, if necessary, similar to a passport.

Perhaps this is another one of the numerous jobs left for Sir E. Stubbs. M.L.T.M. IN PARVO.

Hongkong, Aug. 6, 1919.

Our correspondent means he has watched the "China Mail's" campaign. There has been no "controversy." So far as we know, there was no mention of it in any other paper until this morning, when a letter appeared, which omitted any reference to us. As for the authorities, they "lay low and said nothing." This is all they could say in defence of keeping on the Pass Office.—Ed. C.M.]

## NAVAL AND MILITARY OFFICERS GOING.

BIG BATCH FOR RELIEF OR DEMOBILIZATION.

Owing to H.M.S. "Kent" paying off to-morrow, and the demobilization rules having effect, a large number of Naval Officers are due to proceed home this month. By the "Empress of Asia" to-morrow are leaving:—

H.M.S. "Kent": Captain J. D. Edwards, C.B., Surg.-Genl. G. M. Eastment, Lieut.-Col. H. V. Lavington, Lieut. N. Parsons (R.N.R.), Lieut. P. Brooke (R.N.R.), Lieut. P. J. H. Procter, Rev. P. C. Gough, Naval Chaplain, Rev. B. Martin, Sub-Lieut. A. B. Osmund, Boatswain T. J. O'Neill, and Eng.-Lieut. H. Brown (R.N.R.).

H.M.S. "Moorhen": Lt. Teleg. F. Jeffries (R.N.R.), Lieut. F. Wessier (R.N.R.), H.M.S. "Whiting" and Lt. Teleg. H. Henke, H.M.S. "Tamar."

By the "Blue Funnel" s.s. "Atreus" are leaving:—Comdr. J. F. Finlayson, Lieut. T. P. Fenton-Livingstone, Surgeon V. A. Holmes, Boatswain G. Barber, Sub-Lieut. K. D. G. Fisher, Lt. Schoolmaster T. Dunsin and Chief Gunner A. Savage with a Naval Draft of H.M.S. "Kent" and demobilized ratings from the "Tamar" and other ships.

Chief Wt. Engineer D. Hynd, H.M.S. "Fume," goes home for demobilization in the s.s. "Pembroke." H.M.S. "Fume," goes home for demobilization in the s.s. "Pembroke."

Military Officers going home by the "Empress of Asia" to-morrow include Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Passey and Lieut. B. L. Stephens, of the R.G.A.

Major A. J. S. Rooke-Kelly, R.G.A., goes in command of the demobilized military details on the "Atreus."

## TIN RESTRICTIONS MAFFESH.

The American Consul-General has received instructions indicating that every form of tin, including pig tin and tin alloys and similar products, may now be imported into the United States under general licence, thus practically removing all restrictions whatsoever.

## LADY PRIMROSE'S DEATH.

The Westminster coroner held an inquiry on June 13 regarding the death of Lady (Helen Mary) Primrose, wife of Sir Henry William Primrose, who died at her residence in Ennismore-gardens, at the conclusion of an operation.

Sir Thomas Parkinson, M.D., said that Lady Primrose, who was 65, had undergone a severe operation three years ago. She was subject to attacks of pain. An autopsy revealed that she had a fatty heart, which was larger than normal, and that death was due to syncope.

## RUSSIAN OFFICERS FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.

The Blue Funnel s.s. "Protesilaus" brought about 50 Russian officers from England for Vladivostock. Colonels Zarashoff, Derzenko, Jootomin, Rakint, Strovkoff and Gramstov are among them.

Mr. W. D. Laing, superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, Penang, has left for Australia, on retirement, with Mrs. Laing. Mr. H. H. Gibby, from Cape St. James, Saigon, has arrived in Penang and assumed the Superintendentship.

## NEW MILITARY OFFICERS.

Further additions to the new "Garison" arrived by the Blue Funnel s.s. "Protesilaus" to-day. They include four new officers for the Military Hospital.

Lieut.-Colonel L. Humphrey, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., relieves Lieut.-Colonel G. B. Crisp as D.D.M.S. China Command and C. C. M.S. China Command. Lieut.-Colonel Humphrey has over 20 years service and reached his present rank on March 1, 1915. While holding the appointment of Asst. Director of Medical Services he held the temporary rank of Colonel since December 1917. During the late war Colonel Humphrey was twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the C.M.G.

Major D. L. Harding, D.S.O., F.R.C.S.I., R.A.M.C., is another new arrival to-day. Major Harding took part in the South African War and in the late war received three mentions and the D.S.O.

Other new medical officers arrived are Captain H. G. Montith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., who was in Hongkong in pre-war days, and Captain T. C. R. Archer, R.A.M.C.

Major H. M. Edwards, D.S.O., R.E., arrived by the "Antiochus" with two other R. E. Officers, Lieutenants G. B. Colthurst and E. H. L. Jacobs-Larkcom.

Major Edwards has been serving with the New Zealand Military Forces from 1913 to 1918. During the late war he earned three mentions and his rewards included the Brevet rank of Major in 1915 and the D.S.O.

Major T. M. Wakefield, D.S.O., R.G.A., comes back to the Colony to command the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A. at Kowloon. Major Wakefield will be heartily welcomed. He won the D.S.O. during the war.

Captain H. S. Mills, Inspector of Army Schools comes to take over the post of Captain Pearce who is going home.

## SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

List of vessels in port this morning.

British—

Japanese—

Koyei Maru

Taketo Maru

Taiwan Maru

Ryosen Maru

Shinyo Maru

Masayoshi Maru

Iyo Maru

Kaijo Maru

Chinese—

Shun Cheong

Hwah Wu

Chikshang

Kwai Wah

Yuetsang

Hoi Tung

Asia

Volte

Fausang

Rupeh

Wuhu

Singaporean

Baron Inchaque

Cassis

Hong Wan I

Cardium

Norwegian—

American—

Quinnebaug

Tancerville

Chingchow

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for accounts of the concerned),

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"ANTIOCHUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hoi's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after August 6.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after August 12, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before August 26 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
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Hongkong, August 6, 1919.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,

"IYO MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by August 13, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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## NEWS FROM HOME

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

LONDON, May 30.  
BACK FROM THE SHADE OF DEATH.

Seldom have I seen people so stirred as when the news came through that Harry Hawker and Commander Grieve, the airman who attempted to cross the Atlantic by aeroplane, had been picked up and were being landed in the North of Scotland. It was Sunday afternoon, a week after the start and six days after a storm that seemed to have cut off all communication with the intrepid men, that Lloyd's agent in the far Hebrides signalled a passing Danish tramp steamer which carried no wireless and learned that Hawker and Grieve were aboard.

Soon after noon, as the crowds were enjoying the sun of a glorious day, they were amazed to see newsboys running along with special editions announcing the rescue. The papers sold like wildfire, men paying as much as £2 merely to look at the news. In the evening, in places further out, the clergy announced the news from the pulpits and the Church bells were rung. Altogether it was summed up on all sides as "The happiest day since the Armistice."

Everybody save one had given them up for lost. The one exception was Mrs. Hawker, who smiled all through the week and told her friends to cheer up for there would be good news by the Sunday. "Sunday is my lucky day," said she. And sure enough the news came true. Mrs. Hawker was the least excited person in her neighbourhood, for, as she put it, "she knew it all along."

How keen was the interest was shown in one newspaper office with which I am familiar. They handled every evening something like a news and telephone inquiries as to news of the airman. The *Daily Mail* is allotting £5,000 as a compensation prize for them, and I understand that this will be divided in the proportions that were agreed upon had they won the £10,000 prize for a successful flight—that is to say, Hawker will have £3,500 and Grieve £1,500. The prize of £10,000, for a completely successful flight stands as before, and as I write several entrants intend to make a bid for it. London's greeting to the men has been a royal one. Lecture and other offers have reached them from all over the world, at princely fees.

## EMPIRE DAY.

Never have I seen a more impressive sight than the celebration of Empire Day in Hyde Park, at which a choir of 10,000 voices sang patriotic songs and hymns like "The Old Hundredth." It was an amazing crowd, grouped in a natural amphitheatre on the north side of the Park with the trees in their fresh Spring greenery serving as a bright border. Whichever way one looked, for a square mile there was a mass of humanity in summer garb, close ranked yet so little crowded that scores of thousands sat on the grass whenever they were tired of standing. As a demonstration of the soundness of the loyalty in the heart of the Empire it was effective to the last degree, and must have been heartening to any stray Bolshevik who wandered that way. When the King, Queen, Princess Mary and other members of the Royal Family arrived there was a full throated welcome, and I should say that a quarter of a million of the King's subjects sang the National Anthem, led by the massed bands of the Guards. Again, at a later stage, when in response to a great shout the King and Queen mounted the conductor's rostrum, the entire throng leaped to its feet and the enthusiasm of their shouts seemed to sweep the leaves of the great trees encircling them. As the Royal Family left, the demonstration was renewed, overseas soldiers taking an active part in voicing the loyalty of the Empire.

As to the concert itself, it had a majesty about it that gave the performance something of the tone of a solemn thanksgiving. The heartfelt emotions of all were plain to see. The thrill of thankfulness and victory was over all. What impressed me more than anything else was the orderliness and patience of the people; for great as the sound of the massed bands is in other surroundings, in the amphitheatre of the open park the outer fringes of the crowd heard no more than a mere tinkle of occasional notes, so long as the instruments alone were in use. But when the choir joined with their thousands of human voices their success was all the more striking, for the volume of sound carried over all in such terms as the "Hallelujah Chorus," "Land of Hope and Glory" and "God Save the Prince of Wales." The conductor, Dr. Charles Harris, was admirable. He handled his huge choir with quite astonishing skill, and by his personal force led on the throng to such developing enthusiasm and patriotic fervour that after every verse of "Rule Britannia" there was a long demonstration. Nobody who was present will ever forget the scene.

## FOREIGN TRADE.

Discontent with the Government's policy as to the development of trade and industry continues to grow. Mr. Follett Holt, a business man who went out with a Commission to study the system in South America, has jarred officialdom badly by round-

by indicting the diplomats as being worse than useless for the furtherance of trade. Probably a similar man on a tour of the Far East would present a similar report. What he advocates is a corps of properly trained business experts. In touch with an advisory committee of local business men, and superintended in London by a council of commercial experts who would act as honorary advisers to the Imperial Government. Of course the diplomats are against him, and Dilly and Dally will attempt to shelve the acceptance of his report, but the times are not what they were, and it is quite likely that the Government will be forced to "get a move on."

There is some sign of grace in the news that the sanction of the Treasury has been secured to a great scheme which, in brief, is that the Government should insure British import goods while lying in a warehouse or store in the area of Russia covered by the insurance until the time of sale to the purchaser; and Russian exports from the time of purchase until the goods are loaded on board at a Russian port. Traders would pay a premium yet to be fixed and the Government would stand the loss or might even make a profit if Russia settles down quickly under the influence of reviving trade. The Overseas Department of the Board of Trade is behind the scheme and points out that if it is adopted banks will be able to make advances to traders in respect of goods shipped to Russia, and of goods Russia is sending in exchange to this country.

If this scheme goes through we may reasonably hope to see its principles extended elsewhere. Men familiar with Russia are not altogether pessimistic with regard to the Russian future. They regard Bolshevism as a disease and believe it has already run a long way on its course towards a cure. From the innate superstition and devoutness of the peasants they expect a return to religion and order. A new Czar is a probable development, but they will be surprised if he is a Romanoff. In all probability someone quite outside the old order of things will be called upon to re-establish Russia out of its ashes.

## THINGS TO BE DEARER STILL.

The outlook for us is none to pleasant next winter. With the coming of peace it is anticipated that there will be such an enormous demand for food and raw materials in the denuded Central Empires of Europe that we shall be competing in the markets of a harassed world for our supplies. Leather goods are especially pointed to as calculated to soar to enormous heights.

Even such things as furs, at the resumed sales, have been the subject of excited competition. Buyers have flocked from all Europe as well as from Canada and the United States. Silver fox has realised as much as £350 a skin, blue fox £150, white fox £18, skunk £2-10, and musquash 15s. Even the common moleskins are worth 16 each, and farmers who used to kill them and throw them away are finding the skins a very profitable side line. For comparison it is interesting to recall that the price for white fox for years before the war was about 4/6 and for musquash fourpence. These prices are for the raw state, and you can easily imagine how far the cost will mount before milady dons her cloak in the finished state of Bond Street or Regent Street.

Equally remarkable are the prices that are being paid at sales of motor cars and cycles that have been collected from the war depots for clearance. They may be practically only a frame and a collection of broken bits, but they sell at the pre-war cost of a new car, and often even above it.

## AN EXCHANGE.

While Germany is squirming over the peace terms, and Austria is letting the world hear a preliminary whimper, the Russian Bolsheviks are handing over some of our officers in order to secure one or two of their own men now in our hands. An interesting story lies behind the man they are most anxious about, and in exchange for him we are receiving about a score of British officers held captive in Moscow for many months. The Bolshevik is Bashkolnikoff, formerly a sub-lieutenant in the Russian Imperial Navy, who afterwards became the equivalent of our First Sea Lord in the Bolshevik naval administration. Some months ago he and a petty officer set out from Kronstadt on a destroyer to examine the possibility of laying a minefield as a protection against our ships. That vessel was captured, and Bashkolnikoff was hiding under some sacks, his identity being disclosed to us by a member of his crew, believed to be an Estonian. The two were brought as prisoners to England. Bashkolnikoff's wife began to raise an agitation in Russia as the Bolshevik administration got into negotiation with the British special mission in Moscow and an arrangement was made to exchange the two for a score of British, the latter including five members of the R.N.R.

## WONDERFUL MAY.

We had a late winter and wet start for Spring, but May has atoned for all. It has scarcely rained a drop during the month, and everywhere the backwardness of foliage and buds has been made up by the pro-

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## FLIGHT OF SHANGHAI WOMAN.

After enjoying an income of over £1,000 a year for several years, the British-born wife of a German has been granted out-relief at the rate of 10s. per week by the Tichhurst Guardians, writes the *Daily Chronicle* correspondent.

It was reported to the guardians that the woman received over £1,000 a year separation allowance from her husband until September 1917.

The couple were married in 1902 in Shanghai, and ten years later the husband obtained a separation from his wife on the ground that she suffered from fits. This, it was stated, was a sufficient reason under German law for a separation.

In September, 1917, the husband stopped the allowance owing to the failure of his business in China, and the woman was now reported to be destitute.

longed spell of faultless sunshine. Reports from Devonshire and elsewhere indicate a bumper fruit crop, and meanwhile the country is looking its loveliest. Some parts are even needing rain, such is the unwanted dryness of the month.

As a result the river, the resorts of all kinds, and the racematches are variegated with the richest hues of dress and equipment. Never have the fashionable dressmakers been so busy. They literally cannot get abreast of their orders, so it must be admitted that for the time being, at any rate, there is the appearance of prosperity in the land.

## A PROFITABLE GAME.

Such is the craze for luxurious transport that expert thieves are busily engaged in snatching high class motor cars left momentarily unattended outside hotels and clubs. Scores of them have been spirited away, repainted and sold at big profits. A ringleader has been arrested who, it is proved, has been making a huge income in this way, and living on the fat of the land. His capture has not stopped the traffic, however, and the game goes merrily on. On one occasion a doctor drove his car to his house, mounted the steps and was engaged in opening his front door when, on looking round, he saw a smart thief driving off with his car and waving him a farewell as he went.

Housebreaking and murder are both above the normal, but the violent crimes are nothing like so numerous as pessimists predicted they would be after a long war. Our streets are still tolerably safe for the peaceful citizen, and for the most part injuries are inflicted on soldiers by soldiers in the course of some "divulment" that is the outcome of unemployment.

## THE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

At the same time we had on Monday a demonstration of what we may expect if the Government allows the problem of unemployment to drift. At present the out-of-work donation is some palliative, but even so the men in their thousands are incensed. What they will be if it does stop and they are still unemployed may be easily imagined. In their fight with the police outside the House of Commons they showed—that was to be expected—that trained soldiers they are liable to resort to organised violence, now that discipline no longer controls them. The fracas, in itself, was of no great moment but as an omen it is serious. What they chiefly demand is work, and they are especially angry because women are being kept on at work which before the war was done by men. With the cost of living soaring higher and higher and the winter prospects bleak, they want a settlement before their plight becomes even more grave. In all probability nothing on a large scale will be done for them before Peace is signed. But after that the labour problem is the most pressing that the Government will have to meet.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Another victim to public duty is Sir Albert Stanley, who has had to resign the Presidency of the Board of Trade after war service of an exceptionally trying, devoted and successful kind. He it was who left a highly paid railway job to take this office, with its ludicrously scattered departments, its overlapping with other ministries, and its limitations imposed by a niggard treasury. Whatever else may be said of him, he carried through the coal rationing system that curbed the greed of the rich and made it possible for the poor to "keep the home fires burning" in the past two winters. In the middle of an attack of influenza the railway troubles recurred, through the breach of faith of the employees, and Sir Albert threw himself, against his doctor's orders, into the task of finding a settlement. This he achieved, but the strain was so great on his health that he has been ill ever since. Now he is to take a health trip of some months to America. He will retain his seat as member for Ashton-under-Lyne, for no doubt the Government are not anxious to have any more risky bye-elections just now. In his stead at the Board of Trade for the present, until he leaves England to be President of McGill University, Canada.

## LORD FRENCH'S "1914"

The last instalment of Field-Marshal Viscount French's account of the military events of 1914, in which he took the leading part, was published in the *Daily Telegraph* recently. It has been a privilege to provide this distinguished soldier with a medium through which he has been able to reach the Empire which he has served so faithfully for a period of over half a century in peace as in war. In the war which has now closed, let it be said without hesitation, his name will live as the great leader of men, in which the military events of 1914, in which he took the leading part, was published in the *Daily Telegraph* recently. It has been a privilege to provide this distinguished soldier with a medium through which he has been able to reach the Empire which he has served so faithfully for a period of over half a century in peace as in war. 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## TURRITELLA'S SECRET.

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Dimly we could discern two boats, one on the port and one on the starboard side of us, both crowded with occupants, who were uttering in some strange tongue like a lot of excited monkeys.

Just as we came abreast of the strange ship we saw a cloud of smoke shoot up from her, which was followed by the heavy thud of an explosion. Next moment there came another heavy thud, and we saw that the "Turrutella" was beginning to sink by the head. We steamed past her and began to circle round her at a respectful distance, for ships which carry explosives may carry them in the form of torpedoes. Gradually the Eastern sky began to flash red; the hue was reflected by the sea, until one could have fancied that the stricken ship was staining the waters with her blood, and then we saw a third boat rowing away from the wreck in the direction of the other two. We swung round to return and pick them up.

As we approached the first two boats we realised why we had failed to understand the language. They were full of Chinese, all talking at once, in a state of hysterical agitation. We waited eagerly for the third boat. As it drew up alongside our gangway two officers stepped briskly up the ladder, and were followed by 26 men, each wearing a round blue cap with two black ribbons falling down behind. Across the front of the cap ribbon was printed in gold letters Kaiserliche Marine. We had not been fooled after all.

The story of the "Turrutella" is briefly this. She had been captured from the Germans early in the war. In February, 1917, she set out from Shanghai with a Chinese crew and British officers; she put into Rangoon to pick up cargo, and again into Colombo, where she spent some days loading up. She left Colombo on February 23, 1917, and four days later walked straight into the jaws of the "Wolf." Her British officers and men were taken aboard the raider as prisoners, but the Chinese remained in her. A German prize crew then took possession of her; she was loaded up with mines, and sent off to Aden to lay her eggs just outside the harbour. Her subsequent movements had all been carefully planned to fit in with the programme revealed by the ship's papers. On March 6 she was due at Perim, where she intended to call, looking as innocent as a lamb, with her Chinese crew on the upper deck and her German ratings stowed below. Thence she was to proceed to the Red Sea to lay more mines, and afterwards to rejoin the "Wolf" at a rendezvous.

Could she have carried out this programme if she had not happened to fall in with us? There was at least a sporting chance. Her second officer spoke English as fluently as his own language, and without any trace of an accent. He had spent eight years in our merchant service, and had the manners and bearing of an English officer. But the weak spot in the company was evidently the signalman. That signal, "Why did you not stop me when I was passing Aden?" was brilliant. It showed real genius. But the signalman completely ruined it by spelling Aden with a "t."

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 6th AUGUST, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.

Hongkong Bank, Ltd. 490 n.

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. 490 n.

Canton Ind. 440 n.

North China Ind. 7,220 n.

Union Ind. 4,200 n.

Yangtze Ind. 4,200 n.

Far Eastern 4,200 n.

First Ind. 4,200 n.

China Fire Ins. 4,200 n.

Hongkong Fire Ins. 4,200 n.

S.S. 4,200 n.

Donghai 4,200 n.

H.K. Steamship 4,200 n.

Indo-China (Ind.) 4,200 n.

Do. (Def.) 4,200 n.

Shell Transport 4,200 n.

Star Ferries 4,200 n.

Raffles 4,200 n.

China Sugars 4,200 n.

Malayan Sugars 4,200 n.

Mitsui 4,200 n.

Kailan Mining Adm. 4,200 n.

Langkat 4,200 n.

Shanghai Loans 4,200 n.

Shai Explorations 4,200 n.

Rauha 4,200 n.

Tronoh Mines 4,200 n.

Ural Caspian 4,200 n.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.

H. &amp; E. Wharves 4,200 n.

H. &amp; W. Dock 4,200 n.

Shai Dock 4,200 n.

New Engineering 4,200 n.

Lays, Hotels &amp; Buildings.

Central Estates 4,200 n.

Hongkong Hotels 4,200 n.

Hongkong Lands 4,200 n.

Empire 4,200 n.

Kowloon Lands 4,200 n.

Land Reclamations 4,200 n.

Leeds 4,200 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons 4,200 n.

Kung Yik 4,200 n.

Leong Kung Mow 4,200 n.

Orientals 4,200 n.

Shanghai Cottons 4,200 n.

Yangtze Cottons 4,200 n.

Mitsui 4,200 n.

China Lights Oil 4,200 n.

China-Providents 4,200 n.

Dairy Farms 4,200 n.

F.R. Electric 4,200 n.

Macao 4,200 n.

Hongkong Ropes 4,200 n.

H.K. Tramways 4,200 n.

Post Tramways (Old) 4,200 n.

do. (New) 4,200 n.

Steam Landries 4,200 n.

H.K. Steel Foundry 4,200 n.

Water-works 4,200 n.

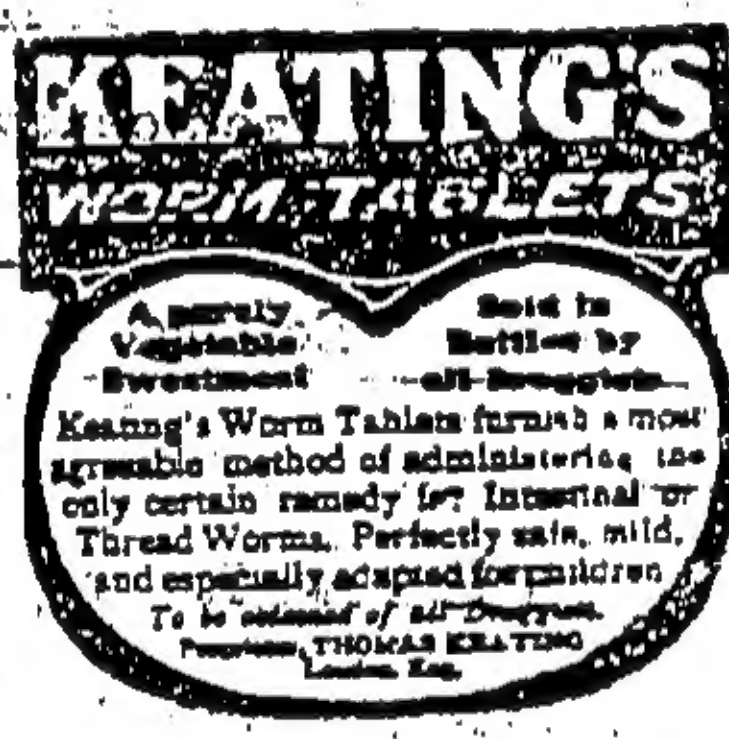
Watsons 4,200 n.

Powells 4,200 n.

Wiemans 4,200 n.

## FOR A WEAK STOMACH.

A general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.



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HONGKONG.

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Bankers Trust Company, New York City  
First National Bank of Portland, Oregon  
Guaranty Trust Company of New York  
Mercantile Bank of the Americas, New York City  
National Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Washington.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, August 6, 1919.

On London, 100/0.

Bank, Wire, 100/0.

On demand, 100/0.

30 days sight, 100/0.

4 months sight, 100/0.

Documentary, 4 months sight, 100/0.

On Paris, 100/0.

On demand, 100/0.

On New York, 100/0.

On demand, 100/0.

On Hongkong, 100/0.

On Shanghai, 100/0.

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Hongkong, July 7, 1919.

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Lap Chee Chong, Esq.

General Banking and Exchange business trans-

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Loans granted on approved securities.

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received at rates which may be ascertained on

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The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

LAP CHEE CHONG, Esq.,

Manager.

Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN

AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up — \$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of Real Property, etc.

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Loans on the Promissory System.

Loans on the Warehouse Receipt System.

Loans on the Bill of Lading System.

Loans on the Letter of Credit System.

Loans on the Cash System.

Loans on the Gold System.

Loans on the Silver System.

Loans on the Copper System.

Loans on the Iron System.

Loans on the Steel System.

Loans on the Coal System.

Loans on the Oil System.

Loans on the Gas System.

Loans on the Water System.

Loans on the Fire System.

Loans on the Lightning System.

Loans on the Thunder System.

Loans on the Wind System.

Loans on the Rain System.

Loans on the Snow System.

Loans on the Hail System.

Loans on the Frost System.

Loans on the Ice System.

Loans on the Cold System.

Loans on the Warm System.

Loans on the Hot System.

Loans on the Dry System.

Loans on the Wet System.

Loans on the Clear System.

Loans on the Cloudy System.

Loans on the Sunny System.

Loans on the Stormy System.

Loans on the Windy System.

Loans on the Rainy System.

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Loans on the Wet System.

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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

ESTABLISHED 1912.

Paid-up Capital — \$1,000,000.

Reserves and Undivided

Profits — \$500,000.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and

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For 12 Months 4% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

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DIRECTORS:

Mr. Pong Wai Tung, Chairman.

Mr. Chow Shou Kien, Mr. Kan Yung Po.

Mr. Li Koon Oon, Mr. Chan Yik Wai.

Mr. Mok Ching Keng, Mr. Pong Yung Shan.

Mr. Wong Tin Sang, Mr. P. K. Kwok.

Mr. Chan Ching Shun, Mr. Ng Chang Lok.

CHIEF MANAGER, Mr. Kan Yung Po.

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KAN YUNG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 14, 1919.

## THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially authorized in China by Presi-

dential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).

Authorized Capital — \$80,000,000.

Paid-up Capital — \$15,750,000.



## SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

## FROM RUSSIA.

The s.s. **ANTIOCHUS**, due here August 8 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan August 9.  
The s.s. **TEENKAI**, due here August 7 and leaves for Shanghai, Taku and Dairen August 8.  
The s.s. **ORIENTES**, due here August 6 and leaves for Shanghai August 7.  
The s.s. **YOYOMARU**, left London June 27 and is due here via Suez August 7.  
The s.s. **ATSUBA MARU**, left London July 13 and is due here via Suez August 18.  
The s.s. **SHIDZUKA MARU**, left London July 23 and is due here via Suez September 2.  
The s.s. **KAGA MARU**, leaves London Aug. 6 and is due to arrive here via Suez September 13.  
The s.s. **YOKOHAMA MARU**, leaves London Aug. 20 and is due here via Suez Sept. 30.  
The s.s. **LAOMEDON**, due here August 19 and leaves for Japan August 21.  
The s.s. **TELMACHUS**, due here August 10 and leaves for Shanghai and Hankow August 11.  
The s.s. **TITAN**, due here August 20 and sails for Shanghai and Japan August 21.  
The s.s. **KEEMUN**, due here August 23 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan August 24.  
The s.s. **IXION**, due here September 4 and leaves for Shanghai and Taku September 5.  
The s.s. **FEIUS**, due here September 17 and sails for Shanghai and Japan September 18.  
The s.s. **LYCAON**, due here September 21 and sails for Shanghai and Japan September 22.  
The s.s. **TELMACHUS**, due here September 24 and sails for Shanghai and Japan September 25.  
The s.s. **MENTOR**, due here September 26 and sails for Shanghai and Japan September 27.  
The s.s. **RHESUS**, due here October 6 and sails for Japan October 7.  
The s.s. **TEVGER**, due here October 12 and sails for Shanghai and Japan October 13.

## FROM HANGHAI.

The s.s. **AGAPENOR**, leaves Shanghai August 20 and is due here on or about August 23.  
The s.s. **THRESIAS**, leaves Shanghai August 14 and is due here August 18.  
The s.s. **ANYO MARU**, due here from Moji August 31 and leaves for South America September 10.  
The s.s. **SHIOWA** (U.S.), due here from Moji October 24 and leaves for South America November 4.  
The s.s. **RYUNO MARU**, leaves Yokohama July 26 and is due here Aug. 3.  
The s.s. **INABA MARU**, leaves Yokohama August 18 and is due here Aug. 22.  
The s.s. **KAMO MARU**, leaves Yokohama August 22 and is due here Sept. 5.  
The s.s. **YOYOMARU**, leaves Yokohama Sept. 5 and is due here Sept. 19.  
The s.s. **ATSUBA MARU**, leaves Yokohama Sept. 15 and is due here October 2.  
The s.s. **SHIDZUKA MARU**, leaves Yokohama October 3 and is due here October 17.  
The s.s. **KAGA MARU**, leaves Yokohama October 17 and is due here Oct. 31.  
The s.s. **YOKOHAMA MARU**, leaves Yokohama October 31 and is due here November 14.  
The s.s. **TAMBA MARU**, leaves Yokohama Nov. 14 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai November 28.  
The s.s. **THRESIAS**, leaves Yokohama August 2 and is due here August 18.  
The s.s. **PYRREUS**, leaves Yokohama August 15 and is due here September 1.  
The s.s. **ARETUS**, leaves Yokohama August 2 and is due here August 15.  
The s.s. **ORIENTES**, due here from Japan ports and Shanghai September 9 and sails for Europe September 10.  
The s.s. **ANTIOCHUS**, leaves Yokohama August 30 and is due here September 16.  
The s.s. **ARRATON APCAR**, leaves Kobe August 19 and is due here via Moji August 23 on route for Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
The s.s. **LAOMEDON**, leaves Yokohama September 13 and is due here September 26.

## FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. **FORNEO MARU**, due here from Java ports August 28 and leaves for Japan ports August 31.  
The s.s. **HOKUTO MARU**, due here from Java ports September 9 and leaves for Japan ports September 12.

## FROM MANILA.

The s.s. **TYNDAROS**, leaves Manila July 25, due here July 29 and leaves for Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle August 14.  
The s.s. **CYCLOS**, leaves Manila Sept. 23 and is due here September 24.

## FROM AUSTRALIA.

The s.s. **TANGO MARU**, leaves Melbourne July 25 and is due here via Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Thursday Island, Zamboanga and Manila Aug. 22.  
The s.s. **RYUNO MARU**, left Melbourne Aug. 22 and is due here via usual ports September 13.

## FROM AMERICA.

The s.s. **GYCLOS**, left Seattle July 9, due here August 9 via Japan, Vladivostok and Manila.  
The s.s. **NANKING**, left San Francisco July 17 and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports and Shanghai August 10.  
The s.s. **COLOMBIA**, left San Francisco June 28 and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila August 10.  
The s.s. **VENEZUELA**, leaves San Francisco July 18 and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Sept. 3.  
The s.s. **PHIA MARU**, left San Francisco July 24 and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Sept. 6.  
The s.s. **KOJIMA MARU**, leaves San Francisco Aug. 2 and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports and Manila Sept. 6.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. **Antiochus**: Messrs. J. M. Bain, E. Bloor, C. Cater, W. R. Chester Woods, Lieut. F. B. Colthurst, C. M. Dorrington, E. J. Ellis, W. V. Henderson, G. H. Hodgson, Lieut. E. M. Jacobs Latham, A. Johnson, H. V. Jones, R. Kendall, J. O. Kille, W. Knight, S. Logan, J. McEldan, J. M. N. Mowen, M. Murphy, H. Phillips, A. Platten, Capt. T. C. Archer, G. Russell, F. Coff, Major H. M. Edwards, J. C. Fender, H. W. Fraser, Major D. L. Harding, Lieut. L. Humphrey, C. J. Kelly, Capt. H. G. Montebello, Major T. M. Wakefield, A. W. Smith, Capt. H. S. Mills, J. S. Dick, H. Moffat, and J. A. Van Cesteren.

## ARRIVALS.

August 6.  
The s.s. **KUEICHOV**, Brit., 1,250 tons, from Canton, Capt. Jones, B. & S. Co.  
The s.s. **KWANGSE**, Brit., 1,250 tons, from Canton, Capt. McDonald, B. & S. Co.  
The s.s. **CHIHAI**, Brit., 1,148 tons, from Hongkong, Capt. McArthur, B. & S. Co.  
The s.s. **YOYOMARU**, Jap., 3,663 tons, from Singapore, Capt. Akawa, N.Y.K.  
The s.s. **HAITAN**, Brit., 1,183 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Stewart, D.L. & Co., Wharf.

## CLEARANCES.

August 6.  
The s.s. **BWAHWA**, Chi., 11 a.m., for Kobe, N.Y.K.  
The s.s. **CHILDA**, Norw., 8 a.m., for Macao, Thorsen.  
The s.s. **KWANGSE**, Brit., 5 p.m., for Shanghai, B. & S.  
The s.s. **QUINNEBAUG**, Amer., noon, for Funchai via Swatow, D.L. & Co.  
The s.s. **CHIHAI**, Brit., 2 p.m., for Canton, B. & S.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.M.S.S. Co's s.s. **China** arrived at San Francisco on July 27, in accordance with schedule.  
The N.Y.K. s.s. **Atsuta Maru** (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 5th August, and is expected here on the 8th August.  
Latest Advice.  
The P. & O. s.s. **Arratoon** (Japan Line) left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant and is due here on the 8th instant about afternoon.  
The C.P.O.S. Co's s.s. **Monteagle** arrived at Shanghai on August 3, leaves there August 6, and is due at Hongkong on August 9.  
The N.Y.K. s.s. **Honolulu Maru** (California Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 31st July, and is expected here on the 30th August.  
The N.Y.K. s.s. **Tanaka Maru** (Australian Line) left Sydney for this port via Australian ports and Manila on the 1st August, and is expected here on the 2nd August.  
The Admiral Line's s.s. **Edridge** (Seattle Line) sailed from Kobe August 1 and is due at Hongkong August 14 via Moji and Shanghai.  
The Admiral Line's s.s. **West Marcham** (Portland Line) sailed from Shanghai July 29 for Portland via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.  
The Admiral Line's s.s. **Western Knight** (Seattle Line) sailed from Shanghai July 29 and is due at Hongkong about August 12 via Manila.  
The Admiral Line's s.s. **Edmore** (Seattle Line) sailed from Seattle July 18 and is due at Hongkong about August 29 via Yokohama and Kobe.  
The P. M. S. Co's s.s. **Colombia** will omit the call at Kobe on her homeward voyage in view of the quarantine regulations against Shanghai by the Japanese authorities.  
The P. & O. s.s. **Nettore** arrived in London on 22nd June.  
The C.P.O.S. Co's s.s. **Empress of Russia** arrived at Nagasaki on July 18, and is due at Hongkong about July 17.  
The T.R.K. s.s. **Tanaka Maru** arrived at Yokohama July 28th and sails August 2nd for Honolulu and San Francisco, as per schedule.  
The T.R.K. s.s. **Nippon Maru** arrived at Yokohama July 14 and sails July 18 for Honolulu and San Francisco.  
The C.M.S.S. Co's s.s. **Monteagle** arrived at San Francisco on July 4.  
The T.R.K. s.s. **Korea Maru** arrived at Yokohama July 5 and sails July 8, as per schedule, for Honolulu and San Francisco.  
The C.P.O.S. Co's s.s. **Empress of Japan** arrived at Yokohama July 4, and is due at Vancouver on July 16.

The s.s. **KASHIMA MARU**, left Seattle July 12 and is due here via Japan, Shanghai and Manila Aug. 11.  
The s.s. **FUSHIMA MARU**, leaves Seattle August 5 and is due here via Japan, Shanghai and Manila Sept. 8.  
The s.s. **MONTAGLE**, left Vancouver July 11, and is due here via Japan and Shanghai about August 6.  
The s.s. **EMPEROR OF JAPAN**, left Vancouver July 24, and is due here via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Aug. 16.  
The s.s. **EMPEROR OF RUSSIA**, leaves Vancouver Aug. 7, and is due here via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Aug. 28.  
The s.s. **CHINA**, leaves San Francisco Aug. 6, and is due here via Honolulu and Japan ports Sept. 3.  
The s.s. **KATORI MARU**, leaves Seattle Sept. 2, and is due here via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Oct. 2.  
The s.s. **EQUADOR**, leaves San Francisco Aug. 23, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Oct. 1.  
The s.s. **NIPPON MARU**, leaves San Francisco Aug. 12, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Sept. 12.  
The s.s. **KENTO MARU**, leaves San Francisco Aug. 27, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Sept. 26.  
The s.s. **RIBERIA MARU**, leaves San Francisco Sept. 5, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila Oct. 5.

## NOTICES.

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the 7th and 8th August, 1919,  
commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.  
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**A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE CHINA & CURIOS**  
from the Sung to Tchow Dynasty.

Comprising:—

5-coloured, 8-coloured, blue and white vases, plates, bowls, flower pots, incense burners, figures, porcelain, lacques, red lacquered vases and ornaments, very fine Peking enamelled plate (European design); famille rose screens, 5-coloured lacquered screens, snuff bottles, agate, crystal and jade ornaments, bronzes, etc., etc.

**ALSO**  
A few pieces of Boocow redwood comprising tables inlaid with blue and white panels (Yung Ching), curio cabinets and stands.

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## RICE EXPORTS FORBIDDEN.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued on July 25 contains a proclamation to the effect that for six months from July 25, 1919, the exportation of rice, paddy, sugar, wheat, flour, milk, ghee and oil, is prohibited to all ports and destinations abroad other than ports and destinations in the F.M.S., in a Malay State under His Majesty's Protection and in the States of North Borneo and Sarawak.

It is also officially notified that from July 31, 1919, no employer of labour shall supply or sell to any labourer employed by him and to any person dependent on such labourer more than the following quantity of rice in any calendar month:—Adult male 2½ gantang, adult female 2½.

child under five 1½, child between 5 and 12 2½ and child between 12 and 18 3½. Every employer shall be responsible for securing that the total quantity of rice permitted to be supplied or sold to the labourers employed by him or their dependents in any calendar month is not exceeded, and shall keep on the place of employment a register containing an authentic record of the rice supplied. He shall produce such register to any person authorized by or on behalf of the Food Controller to inspect the same together with all such invoices, vouchers, and other documents as may be necessary or proper for checking the entries in the register. Notification No. 228, dated February 23, 1919, is rescinded. Infringements of this order are an offence against the Food Control Regulations, 1918.—*Strait Times*.

## POST OFFICE.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc. for their use handed in at the G.P.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Unione, Vienna, Trieste, Venice and Bologna in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Frithree, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

## INWARD MAILS.

**THURSDAY, August 7.**  
Shanghai—Per TEAN.  
**FRIDAY, August 8.**  
Straits—Per ARRATON APCAR.  
**SATURDAY, August 9.**  
Shanghai—Per MONTAGLE.  
Shanghai—Per CHENAN.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

**THURSDAY, August 7.**  
Japan via Kobe—Per RYUNO MARU, 9 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per AGAPENOR, 9 a.m.  
Swatow and Bangkok—Per KUEICHOV, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per YOYOMARU, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per EMPRESS OF ASIA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.  
Bangkok—Per DIVA, 1 p.m.  
Mauritius—Per HALDIS, 4 p.m.  
Japan via Kobe—Per KUMSANG, 4 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, August 8.**  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, Noon.  
Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 3 p.m.  
Japan via Yokohama—Per KOYEI MARU, 5 p.m.  
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkott, Egypt and EUROPE via RUZ—Per NELLOS, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.  
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, August 9, at 6 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 5 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, August 12.**  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1.30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, August 20.**  
Philippine Islands, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per ART MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
**THURSDAY, August 21.**  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per ATSUBA MARU, 10 a.m.  
**FRIDAY, August 22.**  
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkott, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per TANGO MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
**SATURDAY, August 23.**  
Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per KASHIMA MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGO MARU, 10 a.m.

## TEETHING CHILDREN.

TEETHING children have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the prescribed dose after each operation of the bowels more than natural and then continue to feed the child. It is safe and sure. Even the most severe and dangerous cases are quickly cured by it. For sale by All Chemists and Druggists.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE  
**CORONET**

TO-NIGHT & TO-MORROW NIGHT  
At 5.15 & 9.15 p.m.  
**THE REAL ROOSEVELT**  
RAINEY'S  
**"HEART OF THE JUNGLE"**  
CONEY ISLAND.  
At 7.15 p.m.  
**"THE BULL'S EYE"**  
Episodes 3 & 4.  
Booking at ROBINSON'S USUAL PRICES.

**HONGKONG THEATRE.**

Tel. 2511. August 6, 7 & 8. Showing—Dramatic Film 4 parts.  
**ONE of MILLIONS**  
and Various Comics.  
SATURDAY, 9th. See 9th & 10th Episodes of  
**"THE MOON CHILD."**  
Booking at the THEATRE.

**VICTORIA THEATRE.**  
(The Premier Cinema House in Hongkong.)  
TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!  
A SPECIAL LENGTHY FAREWELL BILL OF FARE  
BY  
**"THE PRIZE PACKETS"**  
TO-DAY'S MATINEE  
**"THE PRIZE PACKETS."**  
TO-MORROW'S MATINEE  
**"THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD."**  
Booking at ANDERSON'S.

**THEATRE ROYAL**  
RETURN ENGAGEMENT FOR A SHORT SEASON OF  
The most popular Company that ever played in Hongkong.  
**BANVARD'S**  
**AMERICAN MUSICAL**  
**COMEDY COMPANY**  
IN A REPERTOIRE OF BRAND NEW MUSICAL TREATS  
COMMENCING—  
**SATURDAY EVE—AUGUST 9**  
And Presenting  
Saturday—Monday  
Aug. 9. Aug. 11.  
at 9.15.  
The SPEEDY, MILE-A-MINUTE MUSICAL COMEDY  
**"STEP LIVELY."**  
Tuesday—Wednesday  
Aug. 12. Aug. 13.  
Wednesday Matinee  
at 5.15 p.m.  
A BIG DOUBLE BILL—  
THE LAUGHING, MUSICAL MIX-UP  
**"THE TOURISTS"**  
AND A HEAD-LINE PROGRAMME OF  
**"VAUDEVILLE."**  
Thursday—Friday  
Aug. 14. Aug. 15.  
The BREEZY, REVEALING MUSICAL HIT  
**"THE KING OF PATAGONIA."**  
Tickets issued for August 7 & 8 hold good for August 14 & 15.  
Booking now at MOUTRIE'S. Curtain at 9.15 p.m.  
Prices: \$3, \$2 & \$1.  
Matinee on Wednesday.

**MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A NURSE.**  
A Rangoon message of July 7 says: Miss Igo, European head nurse of Rangoon Lunatic Asylum, was murdered by an orderly in the Assistant Surgeon's Office on Sunday morning. While Miss Igo was writing out her report on the verandah, her assailant crept up and pulled her into the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's Office, which was empty, and, picking up an iron bar, struck her on the head and arm, causing serious injuries. The nurse had the presence of mind to blow her whistle and to shout, but neither guards nor persons were about. Nurse Furlong saw an inmate of the Asylum, named Munt, come up and pick up a billet of wood with which he felled Miss Igo's assailant, who was then secured. Miss Igo is in a favourable condition as can be expected. Her assailant is said to have thought that Miss Igo and the mistress of the asylum had reported him to the Superintendent recently for some offence.

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